

## **Geocaching (G.P.S.) Historical Walking Trail - Braemar.**

### **Starting Location, Village Car Park : E15178 / N91350,**

From Village Car Park, head across A93, head east for 250Meters (mts) to locate waypoint at E15205 / N91541.

#### **“Invercauld Hotel / Raising of the Jacobite Standard”.**

“Site of the raising of the Standard for the 1<sup>st</sup> Jacobite Rising in 1715. There is a brass plaque in the Rebel Room to mark the spot.

Head west to locate at 25mts, waypoint E15211/N91501.

#### **“Old Church of Scotland / Old Theatre / Fountain”.**

Original site of the Church of Scotland, it became surplus after amalgamation with the Free Church. Has been a gallery and theatre and is now converted into residential flats. The Fountain was erected in memoriam to Elisabeth Louisa Oswald, wife of Lt.Col. James Ross Farquharson, who died in childbirth in 1870 aged 24 years.

Head west to locate at 25mts, waypoint E15207/N91481.

#### **“Great North of Scotland Railway Building”.**

Plans to build the railway beyond Ballater were halted by Queen Victoria as she didn't want it running past Balmoral. Passengers were transported here instead by carriage and bus.

Head west to locate at 25mts, waypoint E15210/N91472.

#### **“Weather Observatory”.**

Gifted to the village by Prince Albert, it holds the record for the lowest recorded temperature in the U.K.; in 1982 it was -27 degrees C.

Head west to locate at 75mts, waypoint E15215/N91375.

#### **“St Margaret's Episcopal Church / Circular Granite Stone”.**

Highland masterpiece of renowned ecclesiastical architect Sir John Ninian Comper. Built late 19<sup>th</sup> century for the Scottish Episcopal Church. Now owned by the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust and being developed by the local community as a hub arts and culture. The circular Granite Stone is called a ringing stone. Used for fitting metal rings to wooden cart wheels and this one came from local “Grant's Smiddy”

Head west to locate at 50mts, waypoint E15216/N91327.

**" Robert Louis Stevenson Cottage".**

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote Treasure Island in this house during his stay in the summer of 1881. Ideas for characters matched those of some of the villagers, in particular Long John Silver.

Head over A93 to locate waypoint E15198/N91326.

**"Castleton Victoria Hall"**

Built by Farquharsons of Invercauld. Braemar was once two settlements connected by a footbridge. This side was Castleton, and the other Auchendryne. Castleton Hall is now used by the community and is available for functions.

Head through car park to locate at 75mts, waypoint E15143/N91315.

**"Kindrochit Castle".**

These ruins are the remains of two separate castles built on the site of a previous structure, erected by King Malcolm Canmore in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century.

Head by bridge over the Clunie to locate at 100mts, waypoint E15081/N91357.

**"War Memorials"**

WW1 and WW2 memorial, the second memorial is to airmen lost in 1942 whilst on a training mission their Vickers Wellington bomber crashed in upper Glenshee.

Head west then north to locate at 75mts, waypoint E15010/N91327.

**"Parish Church"**

Formerly the Free Church, now Church of Scotland covering the parish of Braemar and Crathie.

Head east to locate at 50mts, waypoint E15030/N91363.

**"Mews"**

Braemar Mews formerly part of the Fife Arms Hotel and Fife Farm where horses and carriages were stabled.

Head Through exit to locate at 20mts, waypoint E15035/N91373.

**"Fife Arms Hotel"**

Original building built by the Duke of Fife. Extension to the right built by Lord Pirrie, Chairman of Harland & Wolff, creator of the Titanic.

Head north west to locate at 75mts, waypoint E14935/N91440.

**“Juniper Cottage”**

One of the oldest houses in Auchendryne part of the village. Slates on the roof were transported from Loch Callater by barrow.

Head north west to locate at 50mts, waypoint E14935/N91465.

**“Village Hall”**

Hall for the Auchendryne part of the village. Built by the Duke of Fife when he heard Castleton Hall was being built. Used by the community and available for functions.

Head north west to locate at 100mts, waypoint E14869/N91516.

**“St Andrew’s Catholic Church”.**

Built in 1839 to replace 1790 building on Chapel Brae. Stained glass windows worth a view.

Head west to locate at 200mts, waypoint E14715/N91266. **(Cache)**

**“Highland Games Park”**

Land donated by Duke of Fife in 1906. Site of the world famous Braemar Royal Highland Games. The Royal Family have attended all Games since Queen Victoria’s reign. It’s always held on the first Saturday in September. There are plans to build a new Highland Games Discovery Centre.

**Cache is a small sealed unit, contents at start are a coin, pencil and a small log book.**

**Additional hints** (Decrypt)

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Decryption Key

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